

ROB DRAKE,
MAYOR

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MAYOR'S REPORT: INTERESTING ISSUES & EVENTS

Spring is officially here and the weather is wearing many hats! We've recently enjoyed some warm, sunny weather.

As a result of the spring warmth, we've turned on the water fountain in the park across the street from the new City Library. Children and young people are already running through the water to cool off! We have received some phone calls expressing concern about wasting water at a time that winter rainfall is far below normal. The water we use is stored in a tank underneath the fountain and recycled to avoid waste and reduce costs. It is filtered and chlorinated to maintain sanitary conditions.

The shortage of winter rainfall is being well publicized. The Portland region has received about half of the average rainfall for the "water year" beginning October 1. The situation hasn't shown much improvement in recent weeks. This has prompted reasonable concern about reviewing options to safeguard drinking water for the summer months. Beaverton receives about 85% of its water from the Barney Reservoir (in the Coast Range) and Hagg Lake (just outside Forest Grove). The remaining 15% of Beaverton water customers are supplied through the Tualatin Valley Water District (from Portland's Bull Run Reservoir on Mt. Hood). As needed, we'll be

communicating with citizens after further analysis and review internally and with other water suppliers.

Beaverton is one of only a handful of cities in Oregon that formally celebrates nationally recognized Flag Day. In partnership with the Beaverton Elks and Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District, we host a celebration to honor America's flag and its history. More than just honoring our stars and stripes, the event is a way to promote patriotism and take time to recognize all that we enjoy as Americans. Held outside in Griffith Park (just across from City Hall), replicas of past American flags are paraded by mock Colonial-era soldiers with assistance from local scout groups. Those in attendance always enjoy patriotic music and an appropriate inspirational speech. The event is Sunday, June 10th at 1 PM in Griffith Park, located in front of

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MAYOR'S HOTLINE

YOUR INTERESTS AND CONCERNS ARE IMPORTANT TO US. A PHONE LINE IS AVAILABLE 24 HOURS A DAY FOR CITIZEN CALLS: (503)526-3700. MESSAGES WILL BE CHECKED DAILY AND, IF YOU LEAVE YOUR NAME AND NUMBER, WE WILL RESPOND TO YOU AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

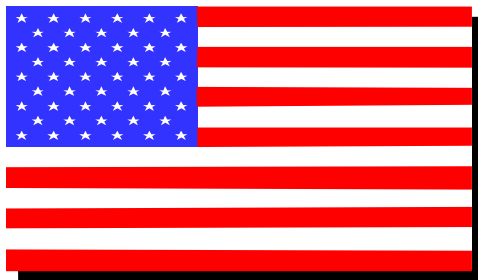
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City Hall, at 4755 SW Griffith Drive, across from the Beaverton Fred Meyer store.

This past year I have reported to you the formation of a Mayor's Youth Advisory Board to the City of Beaverton. About 20 high school aged young people have been working hard to form the Board, create by-laws, formulate a work plan and implement their first efforts. I am very proud of their work to date. To this end, they will

be hosting and conducting a Youth Summit on May 5th at Southridge High School. They have chosen "acceptance" as the main theme. Up to 30 students from each high school, both public and private, will be invited to participate. Applications and details will be provided to each high school very soon. For more information about the Youth Summit please call (503)526-2665 V/TDD.

-Rob Drake, Mayor



ANNUAL FLAG DAY CEREMONY

Please join the Beaverton Elks, City of Beaverton, American Veterans Associations, and local area scout troops to commemorate and celebrate our Country's Flag.

Sunday, June 10, 2001

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Griffith Park

(Located near Beaverton City Hall at 4755 SW Griffith Drive.)

For more information about this event, please contact the Beaverton Elks Lodge at (503) 646-6116.

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THE CITY'S MISSION:
"Preserve and enhance Beaverton as a responsive, dynamic, attractive and safe community."

Rob Drake, Mayor
Cathy Stanton, Council President
Evelyn Brzezinski, Councilor
Dennis Doyle, Councilor
Fred Ruby, Councilor
Forrest Soth, Councilor

Neighborhood Meeting Locations (dates and times on back page):

Beaverton Community Center
12350 SW 5th

Church of Latter Day Saints
8640 SW Turquoise Loop

City Hall
4755 SW Griffith Drive

Edgewood Downs Retirement Center
7799 SW Scholls Ferry Road

Elmonica School
16950 SW Lisa

Five Oaks School
1600 NW 173 Avenue

Highland Park Middle School
7000 SW Wilson

Library Meeting Room - Library Bldg.
12375 SW 5th

Seventh Day Adventist Church
14645 SW Davis Road

Southridge High School
9625 SW 125 Avenue

Valley Presbyterian Church
8060 SW Brentwood

COUNCIL CORNER: A PROGRESS CHECK

About five years ago, the Beaverton City Council, with input from City staff, developed goals for guiding our work on behalf of citizens. The goals are as follows:

1. Preserve and enhance our sense of community.
2. Use City resources efficiently to ensure long-term financial stability.
3. Continue to plan for, improve and maintain the City's infrastructure.
4. Provide responsive, cost effective service to the community.
5. Assure a safe and healthy community.
6. Manage growth and respond to change consistent with maintaining a livable, full-service city.
7. Maintain Beaverton as a regional leader in cooperative efforts with other agencies and organizations.
8. Provide and support a highly qualified and motivated City work force.

As we make decisions each week that affect every Beaverton citizen, the Council tries very hard to honor these goals. As you can imagine, though, it's not always easy. Sometimes the goals even seem competing. "Preserve and enhance our sense of community" and "Manage growth and respond to change" are the two that seem most often in conflict. But we do our best to be sensitive to both sides of the growth question.

One of the things that Council looks at to see if we're being successful in achieving our goals is results from periodic citizen surveys. The surveys are conducted via phone by a private research company. The first one conducted since I became a Councilor was in July 1995. While several of the

surveys in the past six years have been to gauge public opinion about specific issues facing us (speeding traffic, need for a new library, etc.),



Councilor Evelyn Brzezinski

some of the questions are more general and have been asked on several surveys so that we can see changes over time. We just completed another such survey, and the results are encouraging.

For example, when asked "All in all, are things in Beaverton headed in the right direction, or are things pretty much off on the wrong track?" the results have been quite consistent. In 1995, 71% said they were headed in the right direction. In both 1998 and 2001, 76% agreed they were headed in the right direction. As a Councilor, that makes me feel that, although improvements can be made, we are generally meeting the needs of our citizens.

Another set of questions was asked in 1995, 1998 and 2001. They asked, for a variety of services, if respondents thought city government is doing an excellent, pretty good, not

too good, or poor job. Here are the percentages who said we were doing an excellent or pretty good job:

1995	1998	2001
Handling the issue of growth		
42%	41%	54%
Dealing with crime in Beaverton		
78%	87%	88%
Managing traffic in Beaverton		
27%	32%	41%
Managing City finances		
60%	57%	56%
Keeping City streets in good condition		
74%	72%	77%
Maintaining the livability of Beaverton		
75%	81%	81%
Keeping City government in touch with citizens		
72%	69%	77%
In most cases, the difference		

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CITY COUNCILORS WELCOME YOUR COMMENTS

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CALL YOUR CITY COUNCILORS WITH ANY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE. THEY CAN BE REACHED AT THE FOLLOWING PHONE NUMBERS:

CATHY STANTON, COUNCIL
PRESIDENT - (503)526-2343
EVELYN BRZEZINSKI - (503)526-2347
DENNIS DOYLE - (503)526-2344
FRED RUBY - (503)526-2345
FORREST SOTH - (503)644-4972

PLEASE NOTE: The Council Corner article reflects the views of the Councilor writing the article. The Mayor's or other Councilor's opinions may not be fully reflected in the Council Corner articles.

NEIGHBORHOOD PROGRAM WINTER 2001 SURVEY

Throughout January 2001, the Neighborhood Program conducted a survey of those individuals who receive Neighborhood Association Committee (NAC) mailings. An impressive 26% of the 2,436 surveys were returned. The surveys were overwhelmingly positive about the NACs and the Neighborhood Program, and also provided some valuable feedback in such areas as participation in the NACs and NAC-sponsored events, discussion topics, and information sharing.

- 96% thought the NAC packets provide valuable information.
- 56% attended a NAC meeting in the past year.
- 50% participated in a NAC,

Beaverton Committee for Citizen Involvement (BCCI), and/or City-sponsored event within the past year, with the majority of that participation being at neighborhood cleanups.

• 98% answered affirmatively when asked if you were treated with courtesy and respect by Neighborhood Program staff; while 95% of you answered "yes" when asked if the information you received from staff was accurate and timely.

NAC membership is open to anyone who lives within, owns a business, or represents a nonprofit or other organization within the boundaries of the NAC. Membership is not contingent on homeownership, and NACs do not collect membership

fees or dues. Participation in a NAC provides Beaverton residents with the opportunity to meet and work with their neighbors and City staff on land-use, traffic/transportation, and environmental issues. Many NACs also sponsor socials as a way to "meet the neighbors."

The Neighborhood Program provides support to the 14 NACs and BCCI in the City of Beaverton. If you would like more information about the NACs, and/or are interested in participating in your NAC, contact the Neighborhood Program at (503)526-2243 V/TDD, or log onto the Neighborhood Program's Web page at www.ci.beaverton.or.us/departments/neighborhoods/.

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between 100% and the numbers you see above said City government was doing a not too good or poor job. The exception is "Managing City finances," where generally about a third of the survey respondents said they don't know and so didn't offer an opinion. Only about 15% of respondents thought the City was not doing a good job of managing City finances.

While certainly we have more work to do, I'm encouraged by the steady positive responses. Even in areas where we clearly have a lot of room for improvement (handling the issue of growth and managing traffic), citizens are seeing improvements over the past few years. That is very rewarding, as I know how hard City staff and we on the Council are working to make Beaverton a place of which all its citizens can be proud. We appreciate your support, and will continue our efforts on your behalf.

ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS?



YOU ARE NOT
ALONE!

DON'T MISS AN IMPORTANT TOWN HALL MEETING

FRIDAY, MAY 4, 2001

1:45 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.

ELSIE STUHR CENTER

5550 SW HALL BLVD

OPENING BY JEFF GIANOLA AND MODERATED BY MAYOR ROB DRAKE
PANEL OF 5 EXPERTS IN THE FIELD OF SENIOR HEALTH CARE SERVICES
AND PRESCRIPTION DRUGS.

ADMISSION IS FREE – PLEASE JOIN US

SPONSORED BY THE MAYOR'S SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL (503)526-2658.

EMERGENCY TIPS FROM THE CITY AND FIRE DEPARTMENT

WHEN AN EARTHQUAKE STRIKES DROP, COVER AND HOLD

WHETHER YOU ARE IN YOUR HOME, AT WORK, IN SCHOOL, OR IN ANY OTHER TYPE OF BUILDING, IT IS IMPORTANT TO KNOW HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF DURING AN EARTHQUAKE AND ITS AFTERSHOCKS. TEACH YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY THESE PROCEDURES AND PRACTICE THEM SO THAT WHEN AN EARTHQUAKE STRIKES YOU WILL BE ABLE TO REACT AUTOMATICALLY.

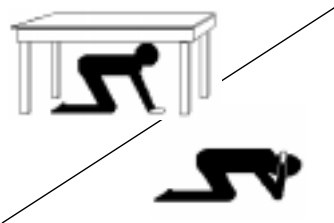
1. DROP.

Drop down to the floor



2. COVER.

Take COVER under a sturdy desk, table or other furniture that is not likely to tip over. If not possible, seek COVER against an interior wall. Protect your head with your arms. Avoid spots near windows, hanging objects, mirrors, and tall furniture.



3. HOLD ON.

If you take cover under a sturdy piece of furniture, HOLD ON to it and be prepared to move with it. HOLD ON until the ground stops shaking and it is safe to move.



A message from the City of Beaverton's Office of Emergency Management. For more information call, (503)642-0383, or visit our Web site: www.ocem.org.

Last month's earthquake was a "wake-up call" for Beaverton and the entire Portland metropolitan area. Are you and your family prepared to be self-sufficient for at least 3 days following a major earthquake? If you haven't already, develop a family disaster plan, gather emergency supplies (food, water, flashlights, extra batteries, first-aid kit, gloves, tools for shutting off utilities, etc.), and learn how, and when to shut-off utilities. If you have pets you need to include them in your disaster plan and emergency supplies. For more information on preparing for a disaster, call the City of Beaverton Office of Emergency Management, (503)642-0383, the Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue, (503)649-8577, or

visit the Office of Consolidated Emergency Management Web site: www.ocem.org.

To ensure its readiness for an earthquake, the City of Beaverton and Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue will be testing their disaster procedures while participating in a regional earthquake exercise on April 11, 2001. The day long exercise is one of this area's largest earthquake drills since 1994.

The City's part of the exercise will involve over 100 City employee's operating two shifts in the City's Emergency Operations Center. They will respond to simulated incidents reported around the city and coordinate their emergency operations with other agencies participating in the exercise. A

couple of the City's Damage Assessment Teams will be deployed during the exercise to conduct assessments of the simulated damage sustained by the city.

The Fire District will activate its Fire Operations Center and staff will react to simulated emergencies, including: collapsed buildings with victims, fires, chemical spills, water quality and power outage issues, and roads impassable for emergency vehicles. In addition, the District's Technical Rescue Team will test its skills at an actual collapsed house. The Team will benefit from its partnership with United Rentals, who will be providing heavy equipment and tools beneficial for extricating victims buried beneath buildings and bridges.

MUNICIPAL COURT PAYMENTS ONLINE

The City of Beaverton added a new on-line eGovernment application "Municipal Court Payments Online." You can find this application at:

<http://www.ci.beaverton.or.us/departments/court/citation.html>

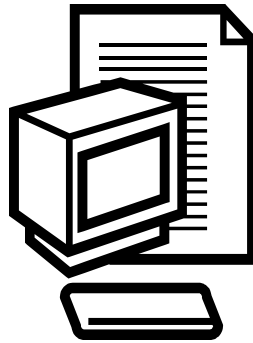
The "Municipal Court Payments Online" enables the Municipal Court to accept Web-based electronic payment for parking tickets, traffic infractions and other non-criminal fines and citations. Anyone is able to use this system around the clock to pay for their citation without making a trip to Court.

If you would like to use this system please check your citation to make sure that your appearance is scheduled for the Beaverton Municipal Court.

You will receive a \$10.00 discount for paying your fine online if the total bail amount on one citation is higher than \$75.

You need the following to pay your citation online:

1. Have the Beaverton Municipal Court citation you received and use the information from your citation



to enter the data into online forms.

2. Have a valid Visa or MasterCard credit card.

3. Complete the two-step Municipal Court Payments Process.

Step 1: Fill out the online form with your citation and personal information.

Step 2: After you verify that the information is correct and print out the payment summary, submit the form for processing. You will receive notification of payment status in email (if you provided a valid email address).

You may NOT use this online payment form if:

1. If the citation is scheduled for any other court.
2. You received a criminal citation that requires you to make a court appearance. Please read your citation carefully. If it is a criminal citation then you may not pay for the citation online. You must appear in court.
3. You received a City of Beaverton Citation and Complaint that requires you to make a court appearance.
4. You wish to plead not guilty to the complaint filed against you.
5. You are in suspension status or have received a note of suspension from the Court.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL

As winter turns into spring and the of sunlight in the day increases, many pleasant changes occur in our surrounding environment. These include flowers blooming and our hedges coming back to life. As our vegetation enters its growing season, without proper maintenance, it may become noxious.

"Noxious vegetation" is defined as: weeds and grass more than 12 inches high; poison oak; poison ivy; blackberry bushes that extend in to a public thorough fare or across a property line; and vegetation that is a health or traffic hazard. One of the by products of noxious vegetation can often be increased pollen in the air. By properly

maintaining lawns and green spaces, we can help reduce the levels of pollen in the air and ease the effects



on citizens who suffer pollen related allergies. Municipal Code Services would like to thank everyone for

showing their willingness to resolve noxious vegetation problems when they occur.

Spring has also brought personnel changes to Municipal Code Services. We currently have two new Code Service Assistants. Rohinin Lata started with Codes in January and will handle the 97007 and 97008 zip code areas. Aaron Young began in February and will be responsible for 97005, 97006 and 97225 zip code areas. We encourage citizens to call or stop by and meet our new staff members.

Again, we welcome your questions and look forward to serving you. You may contact Municipal Code Services at (503) 526-2270 V/TTD or e-mail us at codeservmail@ci.beaverton.or.us.

BEAVERTON POLICE BATTLE THE SILENT WAR

War conjures up visions of battlefields and weapons, heroes, and scarred landscapes. It is an image of a public battle – one where there are two distinct sides in opposition to one another’s principles, opinions, beliefs, or goals.

However, there is a war our society has been fighting for many years, one that does not fit our preconceived notions of “war.” This battle is disguised, and yet has taken innumerable lives and in some way or another affects us all. This is none other than the war on drugs.

In the 1960’s and 1970’s, the use of drugs was blatant and often public, making it more of a tangible issue for law enforcement officers to reckon with. Today, the

clandestine production, distribution, and consumption of drugs makes this war increasingly perilous to law enforcement officials and citizens alike.

Much like a societal cancer, drugs have infiltrated every community, sometimes publicly – and more often silently – damaging the lives of citizens.

Can law enforcement resolve this problem alone? The answer is no. The war on drugs is a societal problem – one that society will have to fight in conjunction with law enforcement. Battles can only be won if police and citizens work together on the front line.

Education has been, and will continue to be, the key to making a difference. Please take an active role in addressing drugs with your

children, and in your church and community groups. The members of your police department will join with you, utilizing every possible opportunity to speak out on how drugs wreak havoc on individuals’ lives and in our schools and city. Sometimes just talking with someone about the adverse effects of drugs, to show that you care, is enough to deter them from traveling down that path.

Just as important, please communicate neighborhood concerns of drug activity to your district officer. You are our most valuable resource as to what is transpiring within city neighborhoods.

Drugs have a means of affecting us all. Let’s continue working together to win this war.

YOU CAN HELP RESOLVE DISPUTES

Tired of listening to the barking dog down the street? Does your neighbor start up the lawn mower at 7:00 a.m. every Saturday morning when you’re trying to sleep? How about those tree branches from your neighbor’s yard that extend over the fence line? Dealing with these types of situations can be very frustrating. Fortunately, the City of Beaverton Community Dispute Resolution Center is here to help!

The Beaverton Community Dispute Resolution Center specializes in conflict resolution, and has been providing free mediation services to residents in the Beaverton area for over 12 years. Mediation is a cooperative problem-solving process that enables people in conflict to resolve their differences with the

assistance of trained volunteer mediators. The process is voluntary and confidential, and mediators help neighbors work together to find creative and long-term solutions to most neighborhood disputes.

The Center’s office hours are convenient. We are available to assist you weekdays, and most evenings until 8 p.m. The Center is open Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Our voice mail system is accessible 24-hours a day, seven days a week.

If you are currently experiencing a conflict and would like assistance, or would like further information about our program, please call our office at (503) 526-2523 V/TDD.



CITY BEGINS TREE INVENTORY UPDATE

As the region accommodates more growth, the limited natural resources and open spaces are becoming more precious as we seek to maintain our quality of life. Visual breaks in the landscape, such as groves of trees, large solitary or unique trees, and tree-lined streets, enhance our quality of life as redevelopment and infill occur in the City. Stewardship, protection, conservation of natural resources, such as community trees, are important for each resident, developer, property owner and visitor to ensure that the City of Beaverton retains its unique character and remains an attractive place.

In recognition of the importance of trees to the community, the City has begun a project, consistent with Statewide Planning Goal 5 ("To protect natural resources, and conserve scenic and historic areas and open spaces"), to update its existing inventories of trees, assess how and to what degree trees in the City should be protected, and adopt new tree conservation regulations.

WHAT IS THE PROCESS? The initial stage of the project will occur this spring in collecting information on the City's tree resources to update and enhance the City's existing tree inventory. With the assistance of

Neighborhood Association Committees, the existing inventory, and aerial photography, resources will be identified. Staff will collect information on these resources such as tree type, average or



estimated size, estimated number of trees in groves, unique features such as fall or spring color, and other visual characteristics.

Once the data is collected, staff will evaluate the significance of resources based on criteria developed in concert with the Planning Commission. The "significant" resources will then be evaluated, site-by-site, with regard to the Economic, Social, Environmental, and Energy (ESEE) consequences of their protection versus allowing full development. Based on the evaluation, the City may choose to

protect "significant" trees fully, to a limited extent or not at all, depending on the situation. For those trees that are deemed to be worthy of protection, programs will be developed that address the issues raised in the ESEE analysis. Program recommendations could include a variety of strategies including:

PROTECTION OR CONSERVATION: flagging trees for preservation on publicly owned property, requiring some trees or groves to be set aside within new developments,

MITIGATION: replanting elsewhere when preserving trees within a development could result in safety hazards such as trees likely to blow down in a windstorm, and

STEWARDSHIP: encouraging private owners to maintain identified trees by providing educational materials and promoting the benefits to the landowner and the community at large.

The program will be developed through the Planning Commission with review and public hearing opportunities for the Neighborhood Association Committees, the Committee for Citizen Involvement, affected property owners and the general public.

If you have questions regarding this program, please call (503) 526-3718 V/TDD, or email: bfryer@ci.beaverton.or.us.

WASTE PREVENTION AND RECYCLING

The 30th Anniversary of Earth Day will be observed on April 22, 2001. Millions of organizations and people from all over the world recognize Earth Day as a reason to stop and think about our responsibility for protecting our natural resources and the affect we have on the environment in our everyday lives. The average household in Beaverton produces over 4.5 lbs. of garbage per day. That's about 13,500 tons of household garbage per year in all of Beaverton. Some tips to help protect our environment:

Close the Loop – Buy Recycled

Prevent Waste – Buy Only What you need

Keep waste out of the landfills – recycle at home and at school or at work.

Keep hazardous waste out of our

waste stream - select alternative products to pesticides and other chemicals.

If you need to dispose of existing hazardous materials from your home you can come to one of the hazardous waste clean up events being held in Beaverton, or take them to one of Metro's permanent disposal sites.

For more information about recycling and waste prevention, call (503)526-2665 V/TDD. For more information about disposing of hazardous waste please call, Metro Recycling Information Center, (503)234-3000. Visit the EPA Web site: www.epa.gov/earthday/ for more information about the history of Earth Day and events around the region and around the world.

CLEAN-UP EVENTS COMING TO BEAVERTON CITY HALL

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

NAC, NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP Saturday, June 2, 2001, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. City Hall, 4755 Griffith Drive.

METRO AND CITY OF BEAVERTON HAZARDOUS WASTE ROUND-UPS, Saturday, June 16, and August 18, 2001, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

FOR ADDITIONAL DATES AND TIMES THROUGHOUT WASHINGTON COUNTY, CONTACT METRO, (503)234-3000.

ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY AUTO MAINTENANCE

Automobile maintenance tends to pick up momentum when the weather gets warmer and dryer. The Operations Department's Storm Section staff suggests various practices in automotive upkeep, which help reduce the use of water consumption while also reducing negative effects to our storm drain system.

Oil and grease from cars, asbestos leakage from brake linings, zinc from tires, and toxins from spilled fluids often make their way into the storm drain system and the Tualatin River. These wastes make our waters unhealthy and unsafe for people and wildlife.

Taking your vehicles to car wash facilities helps prevent oil and grease, suspended solids, and other toxins from washing into our storm drains. At home, vehicles should be washed on the lawn, which can

absorb unwanted runoff, or use wash areas that obstruct the wash water from draining into the storm water.

Avoid hosing down your garage floor and driveway; instead, sweep regularly and use non-toxic cleaning products. A water and baking soda mixture works great on removing corrosion from battery terminals and cleaning chrome. Mix the soda with mild, biodegradable dishwashing soap to clean wheels and tires. A mixture of white vinegar or lemon juice with water can be used to clean windows.

If you would like further information regarding using water wisely, keeping our waterways safe and healthy, or have any general maintenance questions, please call the Operations Department at (503) 526-2220 V/TDD.

The City Operations Department brought you this information about auto maintenance. Operations staff recognize the importance of National Public Works Week, May 20-26, 2001. The theme this year is "Working In the Public Interest." The Mayor will issue a proclamation to recognize the contributions that public works employees make every day to our quality of life.

The American Public Works Association (APWA) is an international educational and professional association of public agencies, private sector companies and individuals dedicated to providing quality public works goods and services. APWA is the largest organization of its kind in the world and encourages activities that increase public awareness and appreciation of the public works profession.

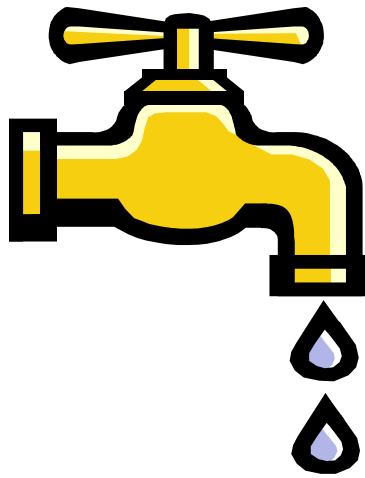
PROTECTING YOUR DRINKING WATER: PART II

The November/December issue of "Your City Newsletter", Part 1 of "Protecting Your Drinking Water" dealt with cross connections associated with automatic sprinkler systems. This article will cover the installation of backflow prevention assemblies, which prevent potential backflow of harmful substances into the public drinking water supply; the testing procedures required for a backflow assembly; and the training required of all testers for state certification.

BACKFLOW PREVENTION-INSTALLATION
Weed killers, pesticides, or fertilizers back-siphoned through sprinkler heads or from the ground (saturated by irrigation water) can contaminate water inside irrigation pipes. Without a backflow prevention assembly, a cross connection between plumbing containing a harmful substance and a drinking water pipe could allow backflow of the harmful substance into your household plumbing or a public drinking water distribution main where it could be accidentally consumed by you or other City water users. Protection of residential water systems can be accomplished by using a special backflow prevention valve (assembly or device) to prevent potential risk of contamination to the public supply as required by Oregon law.

A plumbing permit is needed to install a residential irrigation (sprinkler) system whether you, as the property owner, install the sprinkler system or you hire a contractor. The permit ensures that the plumbing codes are followed. Plumbing codes are enforced to ensure the homeowner has a plumbing system that is safe to use for drinking water and to maintain

high-quality plumbing systems for you, when purchasing a new or different home or condominium. Obtaining a plumbing permit also ensures that if you hire a contractor, the contractor is licensed and bonded. As a part of the permit process, the City's



plumbing inspector and cross-connection inspector will inspect the new system to verify that an approved backflow assembly is properly installed. The City's inspectors will also verify the location, serial number, and testing of the backflow assembly.

There are four approved types of backflow assemblies. Each of these assembly types have specific installation requirements. To view a picture of the four backflow assembly installations, please access the City of Beaverton's Internet Web site at <http://www.ci.beaverton.or.us/water/water.html>. You can also obtain a copy from the Cross-Connection Inspector, (503)350-4042 V/TDD.

The plumbing code requires all water service yard piping to be buried at least 18" to 24" in depth to protect against freezing. If you

choose an Atmospheric Vacuum Breaker (AVB) note that it does not require testing but it must be inspected. The City will inspect AVBs annually at no cost to the homeowner, to ensure they are operating properly.

Under Oregon Administrative Rules (OARS), all other types of backflow assemblies require annual testing by a certified testing company to be paid for by the homeowner. The test is to ensure that the assembly is operating correctly. You can find a list of certified testers on the City's Web site, or call (503)350-4042 V/TDD.

Since 1985, the City of Beaverton has required backflow assemblies on commercial and industrial plumbing where cross connection or potential hazards exist. Backflow prevention assemblies have also been required for residential irrigation systems for many years. However, since many irrigation systems have been installed without permits or backflow assemblies, it has been difficult and costly to determine how many residential irrigation systems exist, how many have backflow assemblies, and how many need backflow assemblies to be installed and tested annually.

To help answer these questions, the City of Beaverton has been conducting a survey of residential properties. Historical plumbing permit records are being reviewed to verify that City backflow assembly records match old plumbing permits, which include previously installed assemblies.

Staff is comparing field visual survey results with City backflow records. Early indications from the survey indicate that from 45 to 50 percent of homes will require either

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installation of backflow assemblies or testing of assemblies that have not had them in the past. When the survey is complete staff will recommend a program to the City Council to bring all residential irrigation systems into compliance with State and City regulations.

For assistance with the type of backflow assembly best for your irrigation system, contact your local water provider. Within the Beaverton city limits, there are four separate public water providers. The City of Beaverton provides water to approximately 80 percent of the population living within the City limits. Northeast Beaverton is served by West Slope Water District (503)292-2777; east near the County line is served by either Raleigh Water District (503-292-4894) or Tualatin Valley Water District (503)642-1511; and northwest Beaverton is served by Tualatin Valley Water District (503)642-1511. For assistance or advice in choosing a backflow assembly or if you are not sure which water provider serves you,

please contact the Cross Connection Control Inspector of the Engineering Department / Water Division at 503-350-4042 or email: lheilman@ci.beaverton.or.us.

BACKFLOW ASSEMBLY TESTING

All assemblies must go through rigid and extensive factory testing through the Foundation for Cross Connection Control and Hydraulic Research (FCCCHR) at the University of Southern California before it is considered to be an approved assembly. All assemblies must be pressure tested according to their designed operating pressure for use on cold-water service. The hydrostatic test pressure is twice the maximum rated working pressure of the assembly. The entire assembly is subjected to the hydrostatic test, both in the normal direction of flow and in the reverse direction of flow with the opposite side of the barrier open to the atmosphere. There must be no leakage across any barrier, and the hydrostatic test pressure is maintained for a minimum of ten minutes for each test.

When your assembly has the required annual test, a tester attaches a test gauge to ensure the check valves hold to the proper value.

TRAINING OF TESTERS

The OARS, Chapter 333, Section 61-0072 states, "A person shall not perform tests on backflow prevention assemblies unless they are certified as a backflow assembly tester by the Oregon Health Division." Each tester must successfully complete the training and hands on testing before receiving a certification. They must re-certify every two years. The testers are required to have the test gauges calibrated annually. Once a test is performed on an assembly, the tester will complete the appropriate paperwork for that test. Copies of the test report will be given to the water purveyor and customer; the tester will retain one for his own records. Tests performed by certified testers shall be in conformance with procedures established by the FCCCHR.

FREE NATURESCAPING WORKSHOPS

Be a steward for our natural habitat by incorporating native plants, natural landscapes, and practicing water friendly gardening at home. Free Naturescaping Workshops for residents of the Tualatin River watershed are being provided by Tualatin River Watershed Partners for Clean Water.

SATURDAY, MAY 12

9 A.M. TO 1 P.M.

TUALATIN COMMUNITY PARK SENIOR CENTER
8513 SW TUALATIN ROAD, TUALATIN

SATURDAY, JUNE 2

9 A.M. TO 1 P.M.

NATURE PARK INTERPRETIVE CENTER
TUALATIN HILLS PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT
15655 SW MILLIKAN BLVD., BEAVERTON

Please register before 6 p.m. the Thursday before the workshop; (503) 797-1842 or email: naturescaping@yahoo.com.

Workshops are free, but due to limited space pre-registration is required. Naturescaping helps protect water quality in the creeks, ponds and wetlands of the Tualatin River watershed.

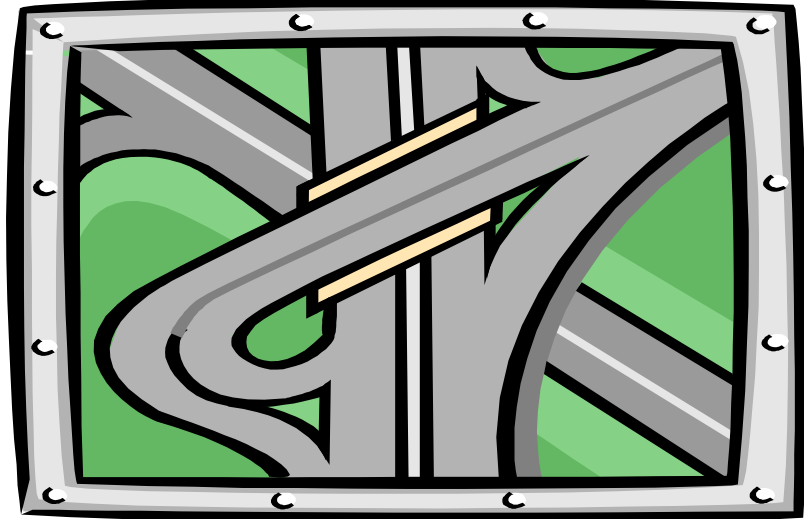
2020 TRANSPORTATION PLAN WRAPS UP

After several months of open houses and public forums, the City of Beaverton's 2020 Transportation System Plan (TSP) is nearly complete. The Planning Commission and City Council will review the draft final report at work sessions in the near future. Though the workshop format does not allow for public testimony, the public is invited to attend to learn more about the TSP. Additional opportunities for public involvement and comment will come after City Council review. Staff will begin incorporating the 2020 TSP into the City's Comprehensive Plan and codes. This process will include public hearings and comment opportunities.

The 2020 TSP includes updated bicycle, pedestrian, transit, truck, and auto circulation system maps, as well as listing improvements that are needed over the next 20 years.

You can review and comment on the plan by visiting the City's Web site at www.ci.beaverton.or.us. To view general information regarding the update process and the 2020 TSP, click on Plans, Codes, & Standards. You can use the electronic comment form to submit

your comments, or provide written comments to Project Manager, Transportation Division, City of Beaverton, P.O. Box 4755, Beaverton, Oregon 97076-4755. To schedule presentations or for further information, please call (503)526-2424 V/TDD.



ODOT TO DISCUSS IMPROVEMENTS TO U.S. 26

The Oregon Department of Transportation is beginning the environmental and design work for improvements on the Sunset Highway (U.S. 26) between Murray Boulevard and Highway 217.

The goal of this project is to improve the operation and safety of this stretch of highway, while accommodating connections with existing streets.

These improvements are designed to continue the widening that has been under way east of Highway 217 to maintain acceptable traffic flows for an urban expressway of statewide importance.

Using traffic management strategies, the project will enhance the operation of U.S. 26 by eliminating the weaving conflicts for

westbound traffic between the Ore. Hwy 217 on ramp and the Cedar Hills Boulevard off ramp.

This project also will reconnect Barnes Road with westbound U.S. 26 near the Oreon Highway 217 interchange.

These traffic improvements will be accomplished using an elevated ramp to separate conflicting traffic from the westbound mainline. Also known as a braided ramp, this structure will create some visual impacts in the area.

Join the ODOT design and environmental team to learn more about the environmental study and early design concepts for this project, which is scheduled for construction in 2004. For more information, call (503)731-4179.

ODOT COMMUNITY MEETING

TUESDAY MAY 22, 2001,
7:00 – 8:30 P.M.

PROVIDENCE ST. VINCENT
MEDICAL CENTER
AUDITORIUM
9205 S.W. BARNES
ROAD

(503) 731-4179

NEW TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES IN THE CITY

In recent weeks, there has been a flurry of construction on Nimbus Drive, Hall Boulevard, Walker Road, and other streets in and around the City, requiring motorists to be on the alert for traffic changes in construction areas. Most of these traffic changes have been temporary ones that route traffic around the construction activities of telecommunications companies, most of which are new to Beaverton. The City has been negotiating franchise agreements with four new telecommunications companies, and there appear to be more on the horizon.

From all indications, the installation of underground telecommunications facilities in City streets will continue to increase, which will bring with it new facilities. The City has received several complaints from

citizens about the location and appearance of new above ground telecommunications facilities, damage to sidewalks, service lines to citizens' homes, construction area traffic blocking driveways to business establishments, and poor underground construction practices. City officials are concerned about the increasing number of such complaints, about the dwindling amount of space available in City streets for new telecommunications companies' underground lines, and protection of existing underground utilities that are owned and operated by the City.

In response to these concerns, Mayor Drake has directed City staff to give a high priority to improving the City's permit processes and construction codes for the convenience of our citizens and the protection of the City's

infrastructure, its neighborhoods and businesses. City engineering staff are working with other City departments and with representatives of the utility companies to tighten up the City's permit processes and construction codes, while ensuring that the process does not become so onerous to telecommunications companies that they will decide not to locate in Beaverton. This is proving to be extremely difficult because of the many existing local, state, and federal laws that regulate telecommunications companies; but City staff intends to propose new standards for utility construction for adoption by the City Council within the next three months.

If you have specific issues related to telecommunications construction, please contact the City Engineer, at (503)526-2342 V/TDD.

SISTER CITIES STUDENT VISITS AND EVENTS

What a busy time our office has experienced since January 1, 2001! We started with orientation meetings for the upcoming 2001 student trips. We make sure that questions from both students and their parents are answered before the student leave for a foreign country.

At the end of January we welcomed Korean students. They stayed with host families during their Oregon visit. We had more than one school for the visiting Korean students to attend. They brought some musical instruments from their Korean culture to share with Beaverton while performing five concerts. Our Beaverton group leaves March 24th for the exchange visit.

Our Dinner/Auction was held on Saturday, February 10, 2001. For the fourth year in a row we had a successful auction. Many thanks to all who contributed and volunteered their time for this event. There are too many contributors to list them all here. All money is designated for students for scholarships.

Beaverton students left the next day for France for their month long visit. They returned with their French students for the exchange visit to Beaverton. The visit is a reciprocal visit in that the host families trade the students directly. This helps both families to get to know each visitor very well.

Prior to the France visit we had a

visit from Gotemba, Japan. With this visit we had students at five different Beaverton schools. Just the transportation alone was a challenge. Our Beaverton students look forward to visiting Japan in late June.

Now we are preparing for the Taste of Beaverton event from July 20 to 22, 2001. We will have representatives from our Sister Cities here and have some exciting plans for their visit. If you would like to be involved we are in need of people who can transport visitors during the day and if you speak Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Russian, German or French we need your skills. For more details, please call (503) 526-2499 V/TDD.

HOME WORK CENTER BENEFITS YOUTH



The Homework Center is one of the most popular areas of the new Beaverton City Library. Open all the hours the library is open, librarians and volunteer assistants serve students grades 6 through 12. Resources include word processors and Internet stations, as well as research tools in a CD-ROM format. Young adult novels, audiobooks, magazines, and feature films are available for checkout.

THE HOME WORK CENTER:

- ♦ Assists young adults with their school work and research assignments.
- ♦ Helps young adults improve their study and research skills.
- ♦ Provides an area where young people can study, either alone or with others.

BENEFITS TO STUDENTS:

- ♦ Developing research skills using print, optical, and on-line resources.
- ♦ One-to-one interaction with library staff and trained volunteer coaches.
- ♦ Opportunity to discover

the wide range of learning tools available through their public library.

The new Beaverton City Library offers 75% more opportunities to try an "Express-Check" when borrowing library materials. These ATM-like stations enable library users to check out books, magazines, CDs and videos – easily – while avoiding lines at the Service Desk. They notify patrons when they have reserves waiting, overdue materials, or fines due. To borrow materials at an Express Check station, a library user passes first their library card, then the items' barcodes under the machine's "eye." A message on the screen indicates when materials have been checked out, and the machine issues a receipt listing items and dates due back at the library.

Library staff members have been trained by Express-Check machine manufacturers and are available to assist patrons. A report from the Circulation Department staff indicates that increasing numbers of library users are interested in the machines and using them.

BEAVERTON CITY LIBRARY

Schedule-Events
5TH Ave and Hall Blvd.

Hours of Operation:

MONDAY - FRIDAY

9:30 AM - 9:00 PM

SATURDAY

9:30 AM - 5:30 PM

SUNDAY

12:00 NOON - 5:30 PM

Contact Information

(503)644-2197 (voice)

(503)574-4606 (TDD)

www.wilinet.wccs.lib.or.us

Library Story Times:

Preschool Storytime (ages 3 1/2 to 6): Thursdays 10:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.

Toddler Storytime: (ages 2 to 3 1/2): Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m., and Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. (advance registration required).

Babies & Books: (ages 12 to 24 months): Mondays 10 a.m. & 11:00 a.m., and Wednesdays 11:00 a.m. (advance registration is required).

Telephone Reference:

(503)526-2577

Got a Question? Call us for the answer during normal library operating hours!

Tax Forms: Need them? We've got them in the Reference Area, 2nd Floor.

BEAVERTON ART GALLERY OPENS

The Beaverton Arts Commission and the Village Gallery of Art are partnering in an exciting new project. Beginning mid-March, we will operate a temporary art gallery at the Beaverton Mall. Beaverton Mall is donating the space, which is located between G.I. Joes and Emporium. Gallery hours will be Tuesday-Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Citizens are welcome and encouraged to visit the new gallery and meet the participating artists.

The Second Annual Beaverton School District Art Instructors Art Exhibition will be held April 1-30 at Beaverton City Hall, 4755 SW Griffith Drive. The artwork, in a variety of media, will be located in the third floor corridor and Mayor's Suite Reception area. City Hall hours are Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Participating teachers include:
Otto Abahazy, Meadow Park Middle School
Cathy Cain, Sunset High School
Kay Danley, Beaverton High School
Gail Heymann, Arts and Communication Magnet High School
Stephen Loudon, Aloha High School
Maureen Merritt, Westview High School
Mark Rasmussen, Aloha High School
Kim Short, Mountain View Middle School
Janet Sonniksen, Westview High School
Kendall Steele, Five Oaks Middle School
Jan VonBergen, Southridge High School
Sabina Wohlfeiler, Conestoga Middle School

During the month of May the Beaverton Arts Commission conducts its annual membership drive. The Commission raises funds privately to support all of the visual and arts programs it presents in the Beaverton community. City of Beaverton funding supports administrative costs, which the Arts Commission board matches with private funds to support programming.

Membership is \$25 for individuals and \$40 for families and can be sent to: Beaverton Arts Commission, PO Box 4755 Beaverton, OR 97076. As a member you will receive significant discounts at several local businesses in the Beaverton area, including:

- Borders Books
- Art Media
- Beard's Frame Shop

The Beaverton Arts Commission is a very active organization that administers a number of cultural programs in the Beaverton community. Some of these include:

- Art Education Advocacy
- One Percent for Art
- Monthly Art Exhibitions at City Hall and Borders Books.
- A Musical Review by Broadway Rose Theatre Company in July
- Childrens Theatre in August and October
- Art Lectures and Receptions

As a member, you will receive personal invitations to all of the Commission's events and activities. We hope you will consider becoming a member today. For more information, contact the Commission at (503)526-2288 V/TDD or email: jscott@ci.beaverton.or.us.

The Beaverton Arts Commission invites artists and crafters to participate in the 13TH ANNUAL TASTE OF BEAVERTON ARTS AND CRAFTS MARKETPLACE TO BE HELD JULY 20, 21 AND 22 in Griffith Park. An example of past arts and crafts offered at the Taste are: jewelry, photography, raku, stoneware pottery, watercolors, acrylics, stained glass, blown glass and much more.

To receive an application, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Beaverton Arts Commission, PO Box 4755, Beaverton, OR 97076. The application is also available on

line at www.beaverton.org. The postmarked deadline for applications is Tuesday, May 1. A selection panel made up of artists and craftspeople will select the 45 Marketplace participants. The panel will look for original, handcrafted works of art and craft. There is no application fee and no commission is taken on sales. Selected artists will pay a \$150 booth fee. Booth spaces are 10'x10' and electricity is provided. For more information, contact the Beaverton Arts Commission at (503)526-2288 V/TDD or email: jscott@ci.beaverton.or.us.

CULTURAL EVENTS

APRIL 1-30, BEAVERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT ART INSTRUCTORS ON DISPLAY, BEAVERTON CITY HALL, THIRD FLOOR.

APRIL 5-29, OREGON COLLEGE OF ARTS AND CRAFTS, JURIED STUDENT SHOW. AN EXHIBIT INSPIRED BY BOOK ARTS, CERAMICS, DRAWING, FIBERS, METALS, PHOTOGRAPHY AND WOOD (503)297-5544.

APRIL 13-MAY 5 "JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT" PRESENTED BY THEATRE IN THE GROVE, FOREST GROVE. FOR RESERVATIONS, CALL (503)357-2366.

JUNE 29-JULY 15 "PHANTOM" MUSICAL THRILLER BASED ON THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA. PRESENTED BY THE BROADWAY ROSE THEATRE COMPANY, TIGARD HIGH SCHOOL. FOR TICKETS, CALL (503)620-5262.

PUBLIC MEETINGS CALENDAR

APRIL 2001

City Council Meetings

- 16 Mon. 6:30 p.m. No Meeting
- 23 Mon. 6:30 p.m. City Council Meeting - Council Chambers
- 30 Mon. 6:30 p.m. No Meeting

**Neighborhood Meetings

- 10 Tue. 6:30 p.m. Five Oaks/Triple Creek NAC-Elmonica Elem. School
- 11 Wed. 7:00 p.m. Raleigh West NAC- Beaverton Community Center
- 12 Thu. 7:00 p.m. South Beaverton NAC - Southridge High School
- 12 Thu. 7:00 p.m. West Beaverton NAC-Seventh Day Adventist Church
- 17 Tue. 7:00 p.m. West Slope NAC - West Sylvan Middle School
- 18 Wed. 7:00 p.m. Sexton Mountain NAC-Sexton Mountain Elem. School
- 19 Thu. 7:00 p.m. Central Beaverton NAC- Beaverton Community Center
- 19 Thu. 7:00 p.m. Highland NAC-Highland Park Middle School
- 19 Thu. 7:00 p.m. Greenway NAC - Conestoga Middle School
- 26 Thu. 7:00 p.m. Denny Whitford NAC - Edgewood Downs Retirement Ctr

Planning Commission Meetings

- 11 Wed. 7:00 p.m. Planning Commission-Council Chambers
- 18 Wed. 7:00 p.m. Planning Commission-Council Chambers
- 25 Wed. 7:00 p.m. Planning Commission-Council Chambers

Other Meetings - Location: City Hall

- 10 Tue. 2:00 p.m. Senior Citizens Advisory- 3rd Floor Conf. Rm
- 12 Thu. 7:30 a.m. Beaverton Sister Cities-3rd Floor Conf. Rm.
- 12 Thu. 6:30 p.m. Board of Design Review-Council Chambers
- 17 Tue. 6:30 p.m. Police/Apartment Managers-Council Chambers
- 17 Tue. 6:00 p.m. Beaverton Arts Commission-3rd Floor Conf. Rm.
- 19 Thu. 3:30 p.m. CDAC-Council Chambers
- 20 Fri. 10:00 a.m. Access Committee-3rd Floor Conference Rm.
- 25 Wed. 7:00 p.m. Committee for Citizen Involvement- 1st Floor Conf. Rm.
- 12 Thu. 6:30 p.m. Board of Design Review-Council Chambers

Assistive listening devices, sign language or bilingual interpreters will be made available at any public meeting or program sponsored by the City of Beaverton upon request with a minimum of 72 hours advance notice. To request these services, call (503)526-2222 V/TDD.

YOUR CITY

City of Beaverton
P.O. Box 4755
Beaverton, OR 97076

MAY 2001

City Council Meetings

- 7 Mon. 6:30 p.m. City Council Meeting-Council Chambers
- 14 Mon. 6:30 p.m. City Council Meeting - Televised
- 21 Mon. 6:30 p.m. No Meeting - Budget Meeting
- 28 Mon. 6:30 p.m. No Meeting - Holiday

**Neighborhood Meetings

- 8 Tue. 6:30 p.m. Five Oaks/Triple Creek NAC-Elmonica Elem. School
- 9 Wed. 7:00 p.m. Raleigh West NAC-Beaverton Community Center
- 10 Thu. 7:00 p.m. South Beaverton NAC - Southridge High School
- 10 Thu. 7:00 p.m. West Beaverton NAC-Seventh Day Adventist Church
- 16 Wed. 7:00 p.m. Sexton Mt. NAC-Sexton Mountain Elementary School
- 17 Thu. 7:00 p.m. Central Beaverton NAC-Beaverton Community Center
- 17 Thu. 7:00 p.m. Highland NAC-Highland Park Middle School

Planning Commission Meetings

- 2 Wed. 7:00 p.m. Planning Commission-Council Chambers
- 9 Wed. 7:00 p.m. Planning Commission-Council Chambers
- 16 Wed. 7:00 p.m. Planning Commission-Council Chambers
- 23 Wed. 7:00 p.m. Planning Commission-Council Chambers
- 30 Wed. 7:00 p.m. Planning Commission-Council Chambers

Other Meetings - Location: City Hall

- 1 Tue. 8:30 a.m. Building Board of Appeals-Council Chambers
- 1 Tue. 6:00 p.m. B.I.K.E. Task Force - 3rd Floor Conf. Rm
- 3 Thu. 7:00 p.m. Traffic Commission-Council Chambers
- 8 Tue. 2:00 p.m. Senior Citizens Advisory-3rd Floor Conf. Rm
- 10 Thu. 7:30 a.m. Beaverton Sister Cities-3rd Floor Conf. Rm.
- 10 Thu. 6:30 p.m. Board of Design Review-Council Chambers
- 15 Tue. 6:00 p.m. Beaverton Arts Commission-3rd Floor Conf. Rm.
- 15 Tue. 6:30 p.m. Police/Apartment Managers-Council Chambers
- 16 Wed. 3:30 p.m. CDAC - Council Chambers
- 23 Wed. 7:00 p.m. Committee for Citizen Involvement-1st Floor Conf. Rm.
- 24 Thu. 6:30 p.m. Board of Design Review-1st Floor Conf. Rm.

* Call (503)526-2640 V/TDD for a recording of City Council agendas.

** Call Neighborhood office, (503)526-2243 V/TDD to confirm meeting dates.

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